Introduced by Senator Brulte

February 5, 2002

An act to amend Section 1009 of add Section 10631.5 to the Water Code, relating to water.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

SB 1348, as amended, Brulte. Water: conservation.

The Urban Water Management Planning Act requires every public and private urban water supplier that directly or indirectly provides water for municipal purposes to more than 3,000 customers, or supplies more than 3,000 acre-feet of water annually, to prepare, adopt, and submit to the Department of Water Resources an urban water management plan. Existing law requires that the plan describe and evaluate sources of water supply, reasonable and practical efficient uses, reclamation, and demand management activities. Demand management activities are water conservation measures, programs, and incentives that prevent the waste of water and promote the reasonable and efficient use and reuse of available water supplies. Existing law requires that the plan be updated at least once every 5 years and requires the department, until January 1, 2006, to take into consideration whether the urban water supplier has submitted an updated plan, in determining eligibility for funds made available pursuant to any program administered by the department.

This bill would require the department to take into consideration whether the urban water supplier is implementing or planning the implementation of water demand management activities in determining SB 1348 **- 2 —**

eligibility for funds made available pursuant to any program administered by the department.

Existing law authorizes any supplier of water for municipal use in the state to undertake a water conservation program and to require, as a condition of new service, that reasonable water-saving devices and water reclamation devices be installed to reduce water use.

This bill would provide that the conservation program include demand management activities, consisting of water conservation measures, programs and incentives that prevent waste and promote the reasonable and efficient use and reuse of available water supplies.

Vote: majority. Appropriation: no. Fiscal committee: no yes. State-mandated local program: no.

The people of the State of California do enact as follows:

SECTION 1. Section 1009 of the Water Code is amended to 1 SECTION 1. Section 10631.5 is added to the Water Code, to 2 3 read:

10631.5. The department shall take into consideration whether the urban water supplier is implementing or scheduled for implementation of water demand management activities that the urban water supplier identified in its urban water management plan pursuant to Section 10631, in determining whether the urban water supplier is eligible for funds made available pursuant to any 10 program administered by the department. The urban water supplier may submit to the department copies of its annual reports 12 and other relevant documents to assist the department in determining whether the urban water supplier is implementing or scheduling the implementation of water demand management activities.

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1009. Any supplier of water in this state for municipal use, including the state, or any city, county, city and county, district, individual, partnership, corporation, or any other entity, may undertake a water conservation program that includes demand management measures, as defined in Section 10611.5, to reduce water use and may require, as a condition of new service, that _3_ SB 1348

- reasonable water-saving devices and water reclamation devices be
 installed to reduce water use.